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It was our pleasure to hear Ex-
day 29 President Woodrow Wilson by
radio on Saturday night, the 10th, regarding his
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as from his porch at his home in
D. C. His voice and the accide-
d. Washington, D. C. His understand-
articulation, while understandable,
was that of a man 75 or 80 years of
age. The very rea-
of his verdict
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coroner's jury
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W. Fred Moore, and a change of venue was given - but Judge Sharp on Tuesday of this week when he determined to send the cases from Greenbrier county, but as he stated, that a fair trial could not be had in Greenbrier, that owing to conditions it was wise to send them from the county. The attorneys in the cases would not attempt to agree on a county to which they were to be sent but each side submitted a list of counties and Judge Sharp selected Fayette county and accordingly the cases have been removed to that county and are set for the first day of the January term of the circuit court there.

This is the fourth move of these cases. They were first moved from Marion to Jefferson county, from Jefferson to Monongalia and from Monongalia to Fayette.

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had in Jefferson County. True
the regular order in these cases,
defendants took advantage of
any pretext against them for a
change of venue and filed numer-
ous affidavits together with several
paper clippings which they
said were of a nature to create
prejudice against them. This has
been the rule ever since these cases
arose and it seems to be the prac-
tice. It has a tendency to drag the
cases through the court and wear
them out.

Knowing this to be true, the In-
dependent warned the people of
Jefferson County, immediately
after Wood sent the cases to the
Court, to keep hands off the cases,
for this reason persistently re-
fusing to publish anything which
might lay a foundation for a move-
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ases might be terminated in this
ounty in an orderly process of
trial and justice meted out to those
harged with the crime. No one
doubts, in the county that a Green-
rier jury could have been secured
which would have rendered a fair
nd impartial trial, but a founda-
ion was laid for a pretext for a
change and it was taken advantage
of and Judge Sharp, under all the
circumstances of the situation sent
them out of the county. All things
considered, perhaps every citizen
of the county rejoices that they
have gone from us.

The "hangars on" in these cases
seem willing to swear anything and
for any purpose and we would not

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or any purpose and we would not
attempt to express in these columns
the manner and ways of this swear-
ing, except to say that to all honest
people, to say the least, it is very
degrading and of a very low order.
This applies to a greater or less de-
gree to every phase of the case. It
is indeed unfortunate that such
things and such methods are drawn
into a court of justice. They are
to be condemned.

It is unfortunate that any citizen
of the county became entangled in
these cases in any way. It is also
unfortunate that even a pretext
was given the defendants for an ex-
cuse for a removal of the cases.

The *Independent* has been criti-
cized for not publishing any of the
dirty and rottenness of these trials,
but it can now congratulate itself